## Lee Awarded \$1,000. In Action Against David M. Roberson

After Deliberating Nearly 2 Hours, Jury Returns Verdiet in \$15,000 Suit

George W. Lee, the young man who lost four of his fingers in a sausage grinder at Roberson's Slaughter House near here last No-vember, was awarded a \$1,000 judgment by a Martin County Superior Court jury here yesterday afternoon against David M. Roberson, owner-operator of the slaughter plant. Lee sought damages in the sum of \$15,-

The trial of the case required a greater part of the day and ran the court session an hour or more beyond the ordinary time for recess. After experiencing a short delay in selecting a jury, the court opened the case about 10 o'clock. Evidence was completed by both sides at 12:30 and the lawyers took over at 2 p. m., Clarence W. Griffin leading off for the defense with an address to the jury. He was followed by Wheeler Martin, and he was followed by El-Martin, and he was followed by Elbert S. Peel, also of the defense. Hugh G. Horton, speaking for the plaintiff, completed the argument to the jury, and Judge A. Hall Johnston spoke for thirty minutes charging the jury. Taking the case at 4:15, the jury apparently deadlocked, but nearly two hours later it emerged with a verdict favoring the plaintiff. No notice of appeal was filed, but it is understood that an appeal will be noted when the court opens will be noted when the court opens the second week of the term here next Monday morning.

The case was built around negli gence either on the part of the plain tiff or the defendant. Dr. R. G. Mc Allister who treated Lee's hand, was the first plaintiff's witness called to the stand. He briefly described the injury, classing it as a permanent one. He also stated that he called Mr. Roberson, the defendant, and asked what he wanted to do about having the man treated. The defendant was quoted as saying, "Nothing." During the course of the trial it was brought out that the defendant made no effort to get the man to a doctor and that the defendant also made slurring remarks to the injured man. This of questioning was over-ruled by Judge Johnston.

The plaintiff was the next to take

the stand. He told the court that the defendant had not instructed him in the proper handling of the machine that the foreman of the sausage kitchen or no one else had warned him of the dangers. He stated also that he had worked around a hand-

C. B. Rogerson, the next witness for the plaintiff, told that he was employed by another slaughter house. but at the time of the accident he was He explained that the plant where he worked had a wooden mallet for use in pushing meat into the grinder, but that he did not see one at or near the machine the plaintiff was oper

said that he received 15 cents an hour and worked 12 hours a day.

At the conclusion of the plaintiff's R.F.D. 1. evidence, the jury was excused and a motion for non-suit was made by the defense counsel. Judge Johnstor denied the motion. A similar motion was renewed and denied when the

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## Former Local Boy Dies In Maryland

William H. Roberson, young na-tive of Williamston, died suddenly at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. P. Hawes, and Mr. Hawes, in Lanham Maryland, late yesterday afternoon. Unable to find work, the 20-year-old boy was said to have been despondent during the past few weeks, but when Mr. Hawes left for his work in Washington City yesterday morn ing, Bill, as he was commonly known was apparently in a cheerful mood. Mrs. Hawes was here visiting relatives, and when Mr. Hawes returned home he missed the boy. After looking around the yard, Mr. Hawes found him in his room, a pistol ly-ing on the floor a few feet from the body. A medical book, showing the exact location of the heart, was and without a struggle. He had been dead only a short time when Mr. Hawes found him. The son of L. Closs Roberson and

the late Mrs. Eula Lee Waters Roberson, he was born in Williamston. When a child of about seven years old he went to Maryland to live with his aunt. His home life was stove the man's wife went visiting and the weather with the life was stove the man's wife went visiting the late.

### SELECTEES LEAVING FOR ARMY



Sending them away in groups ranging from four to 15 in number, Martin County is rapidly gaining a big representation in the United States Army. The group pictured above left last week. They are, kneeling left to right: William Daniel Peel, Ben Ollie Coburn, and Thomas LeRoy Taylor; standing, left to right, Jimmy Lindsey Dickens, Eddie Gurley Leggett, Dallas Gaylord Waters, Robert Bailey, Steve Elias Stevenson, Johnny Thomas Mobley and Willis Robert Crandall. Coburn was rejected because he was too light, and Robert Bailey was rejected because he was too heavy and his feet too small. Crandall was said to have been rejected on account of bad eyes.

Germany Is Checked

By British Forces

In Libyan Campaign

Of His Own Men in Tragic

Balkan Drive

Without regard for human life

ven for that of his own men, Hitler

continued to send thousands of young

Germans to their death in advancing

a merciless drive into Greece today

While the invaders are gradually gaining ground in the Balkans, Hit-ler's hordes have been checked in

Reports from the Balkan arena are still confusing, but it is generally ac-

knowledged that Germany has pushed well into Greece, but in doing so

Germans were moved down in vast

numbers, one report stating that en-

tire divisions were wiped out, but that others were rushed into the line

of certain death. Battle-hardened British, Australian and New Zealand

troops, sun-leathered veterans of the shattering of the Italian army in

North Africa, are leaping into the struggle against the Germans with

whooping enthusiasm. They have in

flicted tremendous casualties upor

the Germans, holding all mountain

passes protecting their section of the Allied line, according to the latest

Yesterday, the Greeks in a com-

ed its worst air attack of the war.

many as 400 at the time, planes rain-

ed death and destruction on the city

against Hitler, the mad man. It was

attack may be a forerunner to an in-vasion attempt, but the RAF has

been hammering at the Channel ports

to reduce the danger of an invasion

In retaliation for the raid on Lon-

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Flying in a steady stream and as

information released.

Italians.

#### MORE CHECKS

Soil conservation program payments established a new high record here this week when 131 checks representing 38 appli-cations and amounting to \$6,-990.89, were received, boosting the total to \$126,992.61. To date, 1,384 of the approximately 1,550 applications have been paid by the agriculture department, and it is estimated that the grand total will exceed \$130,000.

In addition to that amount Martin County farmers have received lime shipments, seed and other considerations the cost of which were deducted from the soil conservation payments.

## Large Increase In Marriages In The County In March

Twenty Marriage Licenses Issued by Register of Deeds **During Period** 

The number of marriages in Martin County last month jumped to a new high figure for the particular period in recent years. The office of the register of deeds issued twenty power grinder on the farm, but that marriage licenses, the number being he knew little about one driven by the largest for any March in about four years, and compares with sev-en for March, 1932, and with an average of 16.8 for the past ten-year average.
Ten licenses were issued to white

on a business errand to Roberson's and ten to colored couples by Regis-Slaughter House and in the kitchen. ter of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger last month as follows.

White

Henry B. Ambrose and Sarah Juanita Mizelle, both of Plymouth.

James Owens Riley, of Wilson, and the machine the plaintiff was operating.

James Owens Riley, of Wilson, and Jessie Mae Anderson, of Farmville.

Lee was recalled to the stand and when questioned about his wages, he said that he received 15 cents and additional control of Williamston.

James Owens Riley, of Wilson, and Jessie Mae Anderson, of Farmville.

Roland C. Cherry and Motie Bell French army against the German barbarians in Greece.

Maryor, D. Roberson and Chloe
Idell Hardison, both of Williamston
Idell Hardison, both of Williamston Andrew Modlin and Esther Beach-

James Harmon Hardison and Annie Lee Barber, both of Jamesville. Whit Moore and Mamie Idell Car-

raway, both of Williamston. Joseph Benjamin Keel and Della Mae Jones, both of Williamston. Benjamin Griffin and Dorothy Coltrain, both of Williamston.

Henry Savage and Lucy Cherry, both of Oak City.
Roscoe Phillips and Blanche Spruill, both of Palmyra.
William Person and Claresa Wool-wide both of James and destruction on the city for eight long hours. No estimate of the loss of life and property damage has been mentioned. Londoners, far from being broken, came out of the raid with a greater determination than ever to prosecute the war

ard, both of Jamesville Route 1.

Therman Spruill, of Palmyra, and suggested in some quarters that the Rea Council, of Oak City. William Arthur Rhodes and Lille B. Brown, both of Williamston 3. Willie M. Bryant and Annie Sav-age, both of Oak City.

Richard Vernon Ore and Annie Morgan, both of Williamston.

James Bryant, of Baltimore, and Eva Jane Willis, of Jamesville. Cleophas Leathers, of Hobgood, and Mayolla Harris, of Scotland

Abraham Cordon and Thelma Gregory, both of Jamesville.

Starting from a defective flue, fire with his aunt. His home life was stove the man's wife went visiting ideal, and he was quite popular with the young people in Lanham and in Bladenboro where he finished high school with honors.

The morning Building a life in the cook stove the man's wife went visiting and when it was discovered the fire was burning rapidly in the roof, the tar paper sending up large volumes of black smoke. A second hut, stand-The body was brought here this ing hardly ten feet away, was morning at 11 o'clock, and funeral rites will be conducted at the Biggs was small. Damage to the Clark home

# In Superior Court

Careless Burning of Woods-land Costs Defendant More Than \$100.00

Rounding out the first week of a two-weeks' term here yesterday, the Martin County Superior Court is idle today, the lawyers and litigants lining up their sides for a busy period next week.

Large numbers of witnesses have ports, the trial of the Rogers will case is subject to last for several

For the first time in recent years, a Martin County property owner was awarded damages in a suit charging the careless burning of woodsland. Prosecutions in the criminal courts are increasing, and it is fairly apparent now that those who are careless in starting woods fires will have to accept the consequences will have to accept the consequences in the civil courts, too. In the case brought by D. G. Matthews against M. M Mills and Dr. Q. H. Cook, a non-suit was taken as to Cook, the court awarding the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$100 against the defendant Mills, the latter to pay the court costs. court costs.

Hitler Has No Respect for Life A compromise settlement was noted in the case of W. M. Long against Roy Clark, administrator, the plaintiff to take nothing further. De-fendant was taxed with the cost.

The old, old Watts case against Willie Boston has at long last been settled. Grown to full stature, the case was settled by agreement, the defendant Boston and his wife to get possession of certain land. Costs to be paid by the defendant.

their Africa drive in Libya and into Egypt, British authorities stating that the Nazi threat has been vir-tually eliminated there. awarded a judgment in the sum of ly renominated.

Growing out of an automobile ac-

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munication from Athens declared that an inch of ground over a 100-Ben Ollie Coburn, Robert Bailey

and I aint going to quit eating, but mayor's biennial acc being forced to retreat from land I am going to start making added heroically gained from the Yellow preparations to head off a second call." Bailey was about 60 pounds over weight, and "Little" Ben Ollie Coburn was about 11 pounds under The number of rejections is ap-

> entirely from the list of draftees. to the list this week when Billie John Davis, of Oak City, and Hubert Dossie Griffin, of Everetts, stated they were ready and anxious to work for Uncle Sam in the Army. Griffin volunteered some time ago, but withdrew his name when an emergency presented itself at home. The emer-

## Number Civil Cases County Farmers to Hold Mass Questions Answered Handled This Week Meet Here Next Monday Night

A general call for support of the against peanut production control peanut production control referendum will be issued at a mass meeting of Martin farmers, business men and others interested in the price of growers in this county have attendthe goobers to be held in the agri-cultural building here next Monday held during the past three nights in

the referendum to be held on Satur day of next week. Less than 200 o night at 8 o'clock.

R. Flake Shaw, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, Will Rogers, of the North Carolina Agrituse and the peanut program. At one meeting only four farmers were in attendance, and in one or two others very little interest in the cultural Adjustment Administration proposed program was expressed office, Raleigh, and David House. It is fairly apparent, however, the

Large numbers of witnesses have been summoned, and the Rogers will state AAA committeeman from Pitt the program will receive a favorable County, are to attend the meeting will not be even a representative and take parts in the program. The of Robersonville are expected to hold the spotlight in the proceedings beginning Monday. According to reports, the trial of the Rogers will men and others are urged to attend, where they haven't had time to build where they haven't had time to build the spotlight to last for several will be the results of the rogers. It is fairly apparent, however, that While there has been very little up bases, are going to oppose the opposition advanced in this county measure.

## Town Officials Given Vote of Endorsement

## **Board Renominated** By Unanimous Vote Here Last Evening

**Work of Convention Complet**ed in Seven Minutes To Set New Time Record

The Town of Williamston's governing body was given an unqualified vote of endorsement by local citizens in a biennial convention held Horace Ray was declared the own-er of certain property valued at \$100 when the incumbents—J. L. Hassell, in the courthouse here last evening in his case against H. M. Cuthrell.
In the case of D. G. Matthews against Ed Jones, the plaintiff was mayor; G. H. Harrison, N. C. Green

Facing no opposition, either expressed or implied, the old governeident near Robersonville last Sep- ing board was continued in office tember, the \$775 suit brought by Harvey Williams and wife, Naomi Williams, against William H. Roebuck was settled when the jury awarded Williams \$10 personal and \$150 property damages and Mrs. Williams personal damages in the sum of \$165.50. schedule the convention's permanent A judgment in the sum of \$786.54 chairman called for a secretary. In was awarded Lloyd's of America in the twinkling of an eye, Attorney Elits suit against Joe Everett. The court bert Peel was on his feet to start

Before the mayor's nomination had Be of Olic Coburn, Robert Bailey and Willis Robert Crandall, reporting for service in Uncle Sam's Army at Fort Bragg last week, have returned to their homes in the county. Coburn app plans for throwing his free French army against the German barbarians in Greece.

Yugoslavia is said to have capitulated at noon today, but there were also reports indicating that the Serbs were still fighting at a number of points. In Albania the Greeks are

citizens present, a dozen others re-porting just in time to meet the con-Gurganus, who died just a few vention on its way out. Interest in months ago. the convention was at a low ebb, the eral policy of the town's government is acceptable

the way, lasted only five minutes and which allowed the convention to adjourn at 8:12, Mayor John L. Hasdrew his name when an emergency presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young "Not so many years ago all we had to look forward to here was court two nephews, Messrs. Sidney A. Mobres and the property of the second street of the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young to look forward to here was court two nephews, Messrs. Sidney A. Mobres and the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The emergency is over now, and the young the presented itself at home. The presented itself at home is not at the presented itself at home. The presented itself at home is not at the presented itself at home is not at the presented itself at home. The presented itself at home is not at the presented it

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#### FIELD ARMY As the world moves forward

or actual combat, the Women's Field Army of American Society for the Control of Cancer is moving to check the number of cancer cases. The movement, headed by Mrs. Abner Brown as chairman, is being sponsored locally by the Junior Woman's Club and will get underway next week. Last year the community raised \$162.31 for cancer research work under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joel Muse. This year, Mrs Brown is appealing for a support equally as strong as that of a year ago.

## Aged Resident Dies At Home Of Nephew

Mrs. Ella Blount Tarkenton, widow of Joseph R. Tarkenton, died at the home of her nephew, Sidney Mobley, on Church Street here last evening nominations. Recalling the progress at 11 o'clock following an illness of the town had made in recent years, about ten days' duration. Despite her Army Rejects Three

Army County Men

Army Rejects Three

Martin County Men

Army Rejects Three ried without discussion and without into unconsciousness, the end coming gradually and peacably.

The daughter of the late Alfred

The convention opened with 44 she moved to Williamston and made

Possessed of a quiet disposition The number of rejections is apparently increasing since the periodic quotas are being filled almost be disagreement over some town polynomia. The number of rejections is apparently increasing since the periodic quotas are being filled almost be disagreement over some town polynomia. Two new volunteers were added the list be let the let the let the let the let the work when Pillie John vanced years and declining health made it impossible for her to con-In his acceptance speech, which, by tinue regular attendance upon religious services

No children were born to the mar riage, and she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Florence Leary, of Portsranks. Davis and Griffin were too twice a year, an occasional show in the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with whom she made her home the Masonic Hall and the meetings ley with the Masonic Hall and the meetings level which the Masonic Hall and the Masonic Hall and the Mason and Nicholas Mobley, of Portsmouth Funeral services will be conduct-ed at the Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. J. W Hardy, rector of the Church of the Advent here. Interment will follow in the Blount family cemetery, near

## **Assailant Admits** Shot Gun Attack

The mysterious shooting of Jeremiah Wallace and his wife in Ever-

## In Connection With Peanut Referendum

o Diversion Will Be Provided If Production Control Plan Is Defeated

A question and answer review has been prepared in connection with the peanut production control referendum to be held throughout the producing territories on April 26, as

Q-What is the peanut marketing quota for a farm?

A-The 1941 farm marketing quo is the actual average yield per acre of peanuts harvested on the farm times the acreage allotment established under the 1941 A.C.P. Q—Under what condition will

marketing quotas be in effect on the 1941 peanut crop?

A Marketing quotas will be in effect if approved by two-thirds or

ore of the peanut growers voting the forthcoming referendum. Q-When will be referendum be

A—The referendum will be held in Saturday, April 26, 1941. Q—Who is eligible to vote in the

A-All producers who shared in the proceeds of a 1940 peanut crop which was picked and thrashed by mechanical means, are eligible to vote in the referendum. This includes owners, tenants, and share-croppers,

Q—How long will quotas be in effect? A-If peanut marketing quotas are approved, they will be in effect for the crops produced in 1941, 1942 and

each of whom is entitled to one vote

Q-If peanut marketing quotas are in effect, will they apply in a State county or community where the favrable vote is less than two-thirds?

A—Yes. The peanut problem af fects all peanut producers. Conse-quently, quotas will apply where-ever peanuts are produced. Q-Will peanuts harvested with-

the farm acreage allotment be

subject to penalty?

A-No A farmer who harvests within the farm acreage allotment may market all his peanuts without penalty. Q-How will the marketing quo

ta apply to a farm on which peanuts are harvested in excess of the farm

acreage allotment?
A—Peanuts picked and threshed by mechanical means which are marketed from an acreage in excess of the farm acreage allotment, unless delivered to an agency designated by the secretary for crushing for oil. will be subject to a penalty of three ents a pound.

Q What price will the grower re cive for excess peanuts delivered o this agency?

A—The grower will be paid the

urrent market price of the peanuts for crushing for oil, less the cost of

Q-How will the penalty be col-

latment deliver th designated by the Secretary of Agriculture'

A-Yes. The grower can either sell his peanuts to a buyer at the market price for edible peanuts or deliver them to the designated agency. In the latter case he will receive either the loan rates which will be between 50 and 75 per cent of parity, or the price established under a peanut di version program, whichever is in ef-Q-What disposition will be made

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## Nineteen Leave For Forts In Two Days

Nineteen young Martin County nen, four white and fifteen colored, left yesterday and this morning for service in the United States Army.

The four white young men left yesterday at 11 o'clock for Fort Jackson, South Carolina, They were the first from this county to be assigned directly to the South Caro lina fort. In the group were Charlie Vernon Whitehurst, William Edward Ross, Leamon Fouch Keel and James Hilery Daniels, the last two having

olunteered their services,
All of the fifteen colored boys leaving this morning at 8:30 o'clock for Fort Bragg were volunteers, a dozen etts last Sunday night has been solvets last Sunday night has been solvet, stating that Alfred Williams, arrested in connection with the shooting, had admitted the attack. Williams claims Sterling Williams, Jr., Wilson Grifting Wallace had been "running affin, Robert Woolard, Sidney Woolard, Lather Byrd Harrell, Thurmon istrations. Registrants delinquent in returning their questionnaires are grouped in the records. Classifications take up much room, and in additionate with the records are colored; number of registrants in Class 1-D, four white and one colored; number of registrants to no ne-year service from this country. The records the records are number of registrants are number of registrant

### Statistical Review of the Selective Service Act In Martin County As Of March 31st in the Roper A complicated and extensive sys-A statistical review of the select- Class 3-A or those who are married

can make ready for a call very short-

tem of records has been created dur-In The River Road ing the first six months the Selective

ive service work in this county as of or who have other dependents, 294 March 31 follows: Number of regis-white and 238 colored; number in trants, 1,742 white and 1,579 color- Class 4-A, one white; number in several filing cabinets are already ed; 411 white and 302 colored regisMartin County Draft Board office trants have been classified, this numon account of physical disability, 11 several filin gcabinets are already ber not including those men who white and 6 colored; number reject-bulging with papers, not to even were placed in Class 1 and who have ed on account of obvious disability, mention the registration cards, al-phabetical filings and others. For 91 white and 61 colored men have qualified for other reasons, four nearly every procedure in the draft been examined; 41 white and 137 white and four colored; number work there is a filing cabinet. For colored men are now awaiting physically qualified for limited milinstance, there is a place for late registrations. Registrants delinquent in induction, 22 white and 35 colored; colored.

morning at 11 o'clock, and funeral rites will be conducted at the Biggs was small. Damage to the Clark home to that a complete history of court of this class including those young as a flue or chimpey.

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